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Ann T. Hoang

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the phone interview conducted on 12/4/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 22-25.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
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- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
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SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Doug McAllister (37,886) on December 04, 2007. **This examiner's amendment is intended to replace the examiner's amendment mailed 11/29/07.**

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 22, line 21, the word "and" is omitted.

In claim 22, line 23, the words "erroneously activated" are omitted.

In claim 22, line 24 is replaced with the following:

--voltage level to both terminals of the motor, thereby interrupting the current to the motor; and

if the control signal indicates that only the erroneously activated relay contact should be activated, the other of the relay contacts is released, thereby running the motor in the direction corresponding to the erroneously activated relay contact.--

In claim 23, line 19, following the word "contacts;" the word "and" is omitted.

In claim 23, line 24, following the word "said" the words "erroneously activated" are omitted.

In claim 23, line 26 is replaced with the following:

--interrupting the current to the motor; and

said safety control device further adapted for releasing the other of the relay contacts if the control signal indicates that only the erroneously activated relay contact should be activated, thereby running the motor in the direction corresponding to the erroneously activated relay contact.—

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 22-25, the prior art fails to teach that if the control signal indicates that only the erroneously activated relay contact should be activated, the other of relay contacts is released, thereby running the motor in the direction corresponding to the erroneously activated relay contact, in combination with the other limitations in the claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ann T. Hoang, whose telephone number is 571-272-2724. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday and every other Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.


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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Sherry, can be reached at 571-272-2084. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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